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Title of the Invention: Alkali-proof glass composition

#### The claims:

1. An alkali-proof glass composition comprising 42-67 % by weight of  $SiO_2$ , 4-24 % by weight of  $Al_2O_3$  and 24-34 % by weight of RO wherein R represent at least one or two or more kinds of alkaline earth metal.

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The glass composition of the present invention is characterized in that alkali metal oxide which reduce chemical resistance is not included and alkaline earth metal which is fairly effective on alkali resistance is included in a large amount. Also, the glass composition has characteristic that it is inexpensive since it includes no zirconia which is effective on alkali resistance.

οf Ca0 24 24 29 26 29 29 20 Glass Glass  $Al_{2}O_{3}$ 19 24 14 14 19 24 19 (% by Mass) MgO 14 29 29 Alkali Resistance (% of Reduction of Mass) 1.01 0.79 0.67 0.62 0.650.670.55 0.62 0.54 1.80

All of the glass test substances numbered 1 to 10 had a better alkali resistance than E glass.

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metal oxide, a low cost glass composite with excellent resistance to alkalis can be produced. If alkaline earth metal oxides other than CaO are used, such as MgO or BaO, the cost increases somewhat. However, especially in the case of BaO, the alkali resistance is diminished somewhat, but it is still better than E glass. If the amount of alkaline earth metal oxides is less than 24% by mass, it becomes difficult to melt, and the alkali resistance is diminished. However, if the amount of alkali earth metal oxides is greater than 34% by mass, it becomes easy for the glass to lose its transparency. If the amount of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is less than 4% by mass, it becomes difficult to melt. However, if the amount of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> is greater than 24% by mass, it again becomes difficult to melt, so the amount of Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> should be kept in the range 4 to 24%.

Below is a description of the experiments conducted in relation to this invention.

The glass sample used in these experiments was produced by melting a preprepared glass base material in a platinum crucible at 1450° C over an
electric burner and then cooling it in room temperature air. For the alkali
resistance tests, a glass powder pulverized to between 35 and 60 mesh was
submerged for 24 hours in an 80° C solution of 1N caustic soda, and then its
loss of mass is measured.

#### Experiment

Glass Test Substance Number 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Comparison

Experiment

Composition  $SiO_2$  57 52 57 52 52 47 47 62 57 57

Ingredient	Percent by Mass
SiO <sub>2</sub>	42 - 67
RO	24 - 34
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4 - 24

(The R in the above ingredients must represent at least one or two alkali earth metals.)

The following ratios are the most desirable:

Ingredient	Percent by Mass
SiO <sub>2</sub>	52 - 62
RO	24 - 29
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	9 - 24

(The R in the above ingredients must represent at least one or two alkali earth metals.)

The glass composite in this invention does not contain alkali metal oxides which reduce chemical durability, rather it contains large amounts of alkali earth metal oxides which are comparatively more effective at resisting alkalis. Furthermore, because the alkali-resistant glass composite does not contain zirconia, which is well-known for excellent resistance to alkalis, it has a low cost.

If the  $\mathrm{SiO}_2$  content of the glass composite in this invention is less than 42% by mass, it becomes difficult to make it into glass. However, if the  $\mathrm{SiO}_2$  content is more than 67% by mass, it becomes very difficult to melt, and the alkali-resistance is also diminished.

By using CaO or CaO with one section substituted by Mg as the alkali earth

#### Detailed Description

#### 1. Name of Invention:

Alkali Resistant Glass Composite

#### 2. Range of Claims for Patent

An alkali-resistant glass composite that is composed of between 42 and 67% (all percentages are by mass)  $SiO_2$ , between 4 and 24%  $Al_2O_3$ , and between 24 and 34% RO (with the condition that the R must represent at least one or two types of alkali earth metals).

#### 3. Detailed Explanation of Invention

This invention is related to a glass composite that is alkali resistant and that can be made into fibers.

Up until very recently, it has not been very desirable to use E glass fibers as a long lasting (more than 5 years) strengthening agent for cements, mortars, etc., which are known to have a highly bondable matrix containing a large amount of alkali. The E glass fibers are overcome by the alkali content in the bondable matrix, and their strengthening qualities are diminished. The long-term strength of such bondable matrices that have been strengthened with E glass fibers is thus diminished.

The inventors of this invention, as a result of conducting numerous experiments on glass fibers for use as strengthening agents for bondable matrices with high alkali content, have discovered an alkali-resistant glass composite that can be made into fiber, which functions excellently as a long-term strengthening agent. The glass composite falls into the following range of ratios:

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1. 発明の名称

計アルカリ性ガラス組成物

2. 特許請求の範囲

重量がで SiO242~67%, Al2O3 4~ 24%, RO24~34%(但し、Rはアルカリ土 領金属の少なくとも一種又は二種以上を表わす。) より成る事を特徴とする針アルカリ性ガラス組 成物。

3. 発明の詳細な説明

本発明は、耐アルカリ性を有する繊維化可能 なガラス組成物に関するものである。

極く最近まで,アルカリ含有率の高い接合性 マトリックスとして知られているセメント,モ ルタル等の長期間 (5年以上)の補強材として、 Eガラス繊維を用いる事は望ましくなかった。 E ガラス繊維は、接合性マトリックス中のアル カリ成分に侵され強度劣化をおこし、Eガラス で補強した接合性マトリックスの長期強度が低

下するためである。

本発明者等は,アルカリ含有率の高い接合性 マトリックスの補強材用ガラス機能に関する母 多の研究を行なった結果、長期間の補強材とし て優れている耐アルカリ性を有し,且つ繊維化 可能なガラス組成物の一つは次の比率の範囲内 に含まれる事を発見した。

> 重量を 含有成分 42-67 S i O 2 24-34 RО 4-24 A 1 2 0 3

(但し、上記成分中 R はアルカリ土領金属の 少なくとも一種又は二種以上を表わす。)

望ましくは次の比率の範囲内に含まれる。

重量多 含有成分 52-62 S i O 2 RO 9-24 A1203

(但し,上記成分中 Rはアルカリ土 類金属の少た くとも一種又は二種以上を表わす。)

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工名明のガラス組成物は、化字的耐久生を低 下せしめるアルカリ会属酸化物を含まず、耐ア ルカル性に対して比較的効果の大きいアルカリ 土壌全属酸化物を多量に含む事を特徴とする。 又、耐アルカリ性に効果が大きいとして知られ ているジルコニアを含まない安価を耐アルカリ 性ガラス組成物である事を特徴とする。

本発明のガラス組成物において、 SiO: の 量を 42重量すより少なくするとガラス化が困 難となり、同成分量を 67重量すより多くする と饱めて溶解しにくくなり耐アルカリ性も悪く なる。

アルカリ土類金属酸化物としては、CaOを用いた場合あるいはCaOの一部をMgOに置換した場合が、最もコスト的にも安価な耐アルカリ性の優れたガラス組成物が得られる。CaOを用いたいで、他のアルカリ土類金属酸化物例えばMgO、BaOなどを用いた場合。コスト的にも少々高価になり、特にBaOを用いた場合若干針アルカリ性効果が劣るが、Eガラスと

りは受れている。アルカリ土類金属酸化物の量を 24 重量がより少なくすると器解したくくなり針アルカリ性も悪くなる。又、同成分量を34重量がより多くすると失済を起こしやすくなる。

AliO: の量を4重量がより少なくすると 容解しにくくなる。又、同成分量を 24重量が より多くしても存解しにくくなるので AliO: の量は4~24重量がの範囲が好ましい。

以下実施例により本発明を説明する。

本実施例に示したガラス試料は、自金ルッポに、前もって調合されたガラス原料を入れ、これを1450°Cの電気炉で3時間密解した後、室風空冷したものである。耐アルカリ性試験は、80°Cの1N苛性ソーダ溶液に35~60メッシュに粉砕したガラスパウダーを24時間浸漉した後の重量減少率例で示した。

(重要少年多) 101 079 0.67 0.62 0.61

計プルカリ性 (運動が発表) 1.01 0.79 0.67 0.52 0.65 0.67 0.55 0.62 0.54 1.80 3.21

実施例のガラス試料番号1~10のガラスは、 いずれもEガラスに比し、耐アルカリ性が優れて いる。

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The glass composition of the present invention has high alkali resistance and good fusibility, and is relatively difficult to devitrify and excellent in water resistance, so that it is readily made into fiber, has good processability, and in addition, has high reinforcing ability over a long time even when it is incorporated into cement material with high alkali.

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Alkali resistance test was carried out in such a way that a sample was boiled in an aqueous 1N-NaOH solution for 1 hour, and after standing for 6 hour, washed with water and dried, and reduction in weight was measured as compared with the weight of an untreated sample.

The fusibility was evaluated from the total of a fusing temperature (a temperature at a certain viscosity), a time required for completely fusing a sample, easiness of making a sample into fiber, etc. The evaluation result is indicated as follows.

- A: Good.
- B: A little caution is needed in working.
- C: Working is difficult or formation of fiber is very difficult.

(See Tables 1, 2, 3 in this reference.)